PRESIDENT.

The President can extend the time for answering the question.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

In fact, similar questions were put by other members in connection with the appointment of volunteers. Anyhow, if, for questions under one head, answers are given at the same time, it would be of advantage to us to understand the real situation.

PRESIDENT.

But were the questions sent sufficiently early? Some questions, as I said, were received at a late hour. There was not enough time to examine all the questions, as these had to pass through certain processes.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

I sent my questions early. Anyhow, one question is admitted and it is answered. The other question was put by the Hon'ble Member for the Jenmi Constituency. My questions were also similar. It would have been better for us to get a clear idea of the whole matter, and there would have been no extra work for the department, if these questions were answered at the same time. If the question has been answered, supplementary questions would not arise. That is why I bring this grievance before you.

The Working of Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

122. On what system is the working and control of the Joint Stock Companies based in the Cochin State?

Will the Government publish every year full particulars about the working of the Joint Stock Companies in the State, as in the case of Travancore?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The working of the Joint Stock Companies is based on the Indian Companies Act, VII of 1913, as made applicable to Cochin by His Highness the Maharaja's Proclamation, dated 19th Thulam 1097 and the rules issued thereunder.

Yes.

Government servants granted valedictory addresses.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

123. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of Government servants who were granted

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sanction by the Diwan under Rule 62 of the Cochin Standing Orders to accept valedictory addresses during the last 10 years?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

A list furnishing the information available is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The Appointment of a Special Officer to protect the Depressed Classes.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

124. Will the Government be pleased to appoint a Special Officer in Cochin, as is done by the Madras and Travancore Governments, to protect the interests of the so-called depressed classes and work for their improvement?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government will be glad to have the subject examined in the form of a resolution and to be given an opportunity to ascertain the sense of the Council.

The Work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

125. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a consolidated report of the work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee for the last 3 years?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is referred to the answer to the question No. 12.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

The same thing, the same grievance.

The Secretary to the Legislative Council as a Member of the Council.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

126. Is it the practice in any Legislative Council in the Sister States in British India to appoint the Secretary as a member of the Council? If so, in which legislature?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Government have not thought it necessary to enquire into that matter.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

When our Government follows the rules and procedure of British India and all the other Native States in almost all the ther respects, how is it that in one respect there is a deviation?

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Government Distillery at Trichur at the General Hospital, Ernakulam and supplied to the various institutions from here.

3. All surgical instruments and appliances will be supplied according to specification from instrument makers in London or from Germany at original prices, packing, freight and duty free.

By these arrangements the cost will be 20 per cent less than that of the supply from Ferris & Co., and I hope to get a savings of about Rs. 7,500 in the sanctioned budget.

Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request that the Diwan will be so good as to approve of my arrangements, and I may be permitted to close the agreement with Messrs. Dadha & Co.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 123).

List of Government servants granted sanction under S. O. 62 to accept valedictory addresses during the last 10 years.

Registration Department.

Mr. A. R. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Superintendent of Registration.
Mr. B. C. Chakko do.

Medical Department.

Miss G. M. D'Souza, Assistant Surgeon, 1st grade.

Education Department.

Mr. N. Gopalakrishna Ayyar, Retired Head Master, High school, Trippunittura.

Mr. N. R. Ramachandra Ayyar, Head Master, High school, Trippunittura.

Mr. D. Kunhikrishna Wariar, Teacher, High school, Narakkal.

Mr. K. Anantanarayana Ayyar, Head Master, High school, Narakkal.

Mr. N. S. Ramanatha Ayyar, Teacher, High school, Irinjalakkuda.

Mrs. Josephine Swaris, Inspectress.

Mr. P. Sankunni Menon, Retired Head Master, High school, Trichur.

Mr. O. K. Krishna Menon, Retired Teacher, High school, Vadakkancheri.

Mr. N. V. Krishna Ayyar, Teacher, High school, Vadakkancheri.

Mr. T. R. Raman Nambiyar, Head Master, High school, Kandassankadavu.

Mr. C. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Retired Head Master, High school, Kunnamkulam.

Mr. P. R. Subbarama Ayyar, Teacher, High school, Ernakulam.

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Mr. C. P. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Teacher, High School, Ernakulam.
Mr. M. Kunjan Wariar, Retired Malayalam Pandit, High School, Ollur.
Mr. E. Kunjan Wariar, Retired Malayalam Pandit, Ernakulam College.
Mr. C. Govindan Elayadam, do do.
Mr. K. Rama Pisharodi, Retired Sanskrit Pandit, do.
Mr. K. R. Rama Ayyar, History Assistant, do.
Mr. K. V. Krishna Ayyar, English Tutor, do.
Mr. K. J. Augustine, do do.
Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon, former Head Master, High School, Cranganur.
Mr. K. Parameswara Menon, Retired Malayalam Pandit, High School, Cranganur.
Mr. T. K. Ramaswami Ayyar, Retired Teacher, Cranganur.
Mr. K. A. Doraswami Ayyar, Head Master, T. D. High School, Cochin.
Mr. F. S. Davies, Retired Director of Public Instruction.
Mr. T. M. Jacob, Retired Teacher, G. H. School, Kunnamkulam.
Miss Elizabeth George, former Head Mistress, G. H. School, Kunnamkulam.
Mr. T. Krishna Wariar, Retired Teacher, G. H. School, Kunnamkulam.
Mr. P. M. Subrahmanya Ayyar, do do
Mr. S. V. Venkitachala Ayyar, Head Master, High School, Trippunitura.
Mr. V. Kunjunni Menon, Teacher, L. S. School, Pazhanji.

PRESIDENT.

The next item is Mr. Salem's Bill.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

Sir, before that, we have to continue the discussion on Mr. Ikkanda Wariar's resolution.

PRESIDENT.

After this we shall continue it. Mr. Salem will introduce the Bill. It has been published in the Gazette already.

The Cochin Old Age and Widows' Relief Bill.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Under Standing Order No. 4, proviso to clause 2, I have time for two complete sessions.

PRESIDENT.

You are making no motion now. Do you say that the Bill must lie over for two sessions, this session and the budget session? If you are not going to make any motion with regard to

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